



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

TOWN OF PAOLI
Sewer Jet Machine Purchase
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1
SRF # WW09 68 59 01

Date: October 18, 2012

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Town of Paoli's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1 submitted to the SRF on August 27, 2012 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	Sewer Jet Machine Purchase Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1 Town of Paoli 110 North Gospel Street Paoli, IN 47454
SRF Project Number:	WW09 68 59 01
Authorized Representative:	Mr. Mark Jones, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

No construction will occur. The town is buying a sewer jet machine which will be stored in an existing sewer utility building garage.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The town needs a new sewer jet machine, since its current machine is not working properly and the camera is inoperable. The existing machine has required extensive maintenance and parts are becoming difficult to locate.

The "No Action" alternative was rejected, since the town will be unable to effectively maintain its sewer lines; if the lines are not cleaned regularly, sewer backups could occur.

The selective alternative is the purchase of a sewer jet machine with a four cylinder diesel engine.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The estimated cost for the sewer jet machine is \$41,477. The town closed a 20-year loan for \$523,000 with the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program on May 25, 2010, and has a balance of approximately \$18,458. Local funds will pay for the remainder of the purchase price.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Consistent with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) in the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. There will be no negative environmental impacts associated with the purchase of the machine.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The town placed a public notice in the Paoli News-Republican on August 23 2012, describing the purchase of the sewer jet machine. The town has not received any comments.